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SUBJECT: DANISH POSITION ON A NATO SUMMIT

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1. DCM ASKED ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING APRIL 16 ABOUT DANISH POSITION ON A NATO SUMMIT. (BIERRING HAD ATTENDED THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN DUBLIN LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK'S FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG WHERE FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN HAD ISSUED THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL.) IN RESPONSE HE SAID
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THAT THE DANES WERE "ALL FOR IT", IF IT DOES NOT CONCEN-

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TRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON CSCE. THEY REALIZED OF COURSE THAT
IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR CSCE DEVELOPMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED
ALONG WITH OTHER TOPICS. THEY ARE INSISTING ON THIS POSITION,
HE EXPLANINED, BECAUSE THEY WOULD RATHER NOT DRAMATIZE THE
CSCE TOO MUCH, AND WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT HANDLED AS A
"ROUTINE" MATTER AT THE NATO SUMMIT. DCM COMMENTED
THAT WE ALSO SEE CSCE AS ONLY ONE OF ANUMBER OF ITEMS
TO BE DISCUSSED AT A NATO SUMMIT.

2. BIERRING SAID HE THOUGH THE NINE -- OR MOST OF THEM --
WOULD LIKE TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A NATO SUMMIT
TELL THE US THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOURTHEAST ASIA HAS
NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RELATIONSHIP OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE US. THE EUROPEANS SIMPLY DID NOT ACCEPT
WHAT HE CALLED THE "LACK OF CREDIBILITY" ARGUMENT.

3. DCM ASKED ABOUT THE FRENCH POSITION. BIERRING SAID
THAT THE WORD THEY HAD WAS THAT GISCARD WOULD NOT ATTEND
A NATO SUMMIT. THE ARGUMENTS THE FRENCH WERE USING
WAS THAT SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS NOT A CONCERN OF NATO AND
THAT THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE HAD
BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED LAST YEAR.

4. COMMENT: DANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD A NATO SUMMIT
APPEARS TO BE GROWING MORE POSITIVE WITH EACH PASSING DAY.
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